

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): ~~[[A]]~~ An equities trading method, the method comprising:
presenting trading information including an order book on a real-time graphical display, said step of presenting ~~the order book~~ trading information including:

displaying on a display canvas time on an X axis and price on a Y axis;

displaying a variety of scales, said variety of scales including multiple price and time scales;

displaying orders and trades as distinguished graphical marks;

providing visual attributes to each of said graphical marks, ~~such as~~ said visual attributes including at least one attribute from the group of attributes consisting of: i) line thickness, ii) color [[or]] and variation in iii) shape of each graphical mark, the visual attributes applied to an individual graphical mark being based on at least one of: an attribute such as i) order intention, ii) order age, iii) order size, or and iv) trade volume,
corresponding to the individual graphical mark for which the visual attributes are being provided; and

providing a trader an opportunity to enter orders that will be automatically routed to a market center of a computer's choice by said trader clicking in a ~~special~~ an auto-route band; and

~~having~~ operating the computer to choose a destination that has the fastest response time and the best price.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
(a) providing a ~~special~~ graphical mark on said real-time graphical display which said trader can manipulate along said Y axis to adjust intended price and over said X axis to adjust an intended time of placement;

(b) showing on said real-time graphical display said trader's own active orders, recent orders, and trades alongside other participants' orders in a manner that distinguishes said trader's active orders and trades from other participants in a market whereby said trader can make visual comparison.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein said real-time graphical display visualizes order books of multiple different markets, the order book of and individual market being shown as a vertical bands, multiple vertical bands corresponding to the different markets being shown one side of said real-time graphical display.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The method of claim 3 wherein each of said vertical bands displays orders originating from a single market.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The method of claim 3 wherein the price of orders are indicated on said Y axis with distinguished graphical marks.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The method of claim 2, further comprising:
providing said trader with an opportunity to route orders to a specific market center by moving a ~~speeial~~ graphical mark inside a vertical band corresponding to said specific market center and to adjust a limit price by a vertical movement of said special graphical mark.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The method of claim 6, further comprising:
providing said trader an opportunity to send, cancel and re-send an order to the specific market center by predetermined user action whenever price, size or another parameter of said order has changed.

Claim 8 (canceled):

Claims 9-15 (canceled):

Claim 16 (new): An equities trading method, the method comprising:
presenting trading information including an order book on a real-time graphical display, said step of presenting the trading information including:
displaying on a display canvas time on an X axis and price on a Y axis;
displaying a variety of scales, said variety of scales including multiple price and time scales;
displaying sell offers, buy offers and trades using distinguished graphical marks, sell offers and buy offers being displayed as lines, the line thickness of a line corresponding to a sell order being a function of the size of the order to which the line corresponds;
providing visual attributes to of said graphical marks, said visual attributes including at least one attribute from the group of attributes consisting of: i) line thickness, ii) color and iii) shape, the visual attributes applied to an individual graphical mark being based on at least one of: i) order intention, ii) order age, iii) order size and iv) trade volume, corresponding to the individual graphical mark for which the visual attributes are being provided; and
providing a user the opportunity to buy a security by moving an element displayed on the graphical display.

Claim 17 (new): The method of claim 16, wherein providing a user the opportunity to buy a security by moving an element displayed on the graphical display includes:
providing the user the opportunity to drag a buy bar upward to buy a security.

Claim 18 (new): The method of claim 17 , further comprising:
displaying a sell bar which the user can drag downward to sell a security.

Claim 19 (new): The method of claim 18, further comprising:
displaying the volume of shares traded as blocks displayed on the bottom of the screen along the horizontal axis.

Claim 20 (new): The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a graphical mark on said real-time graphical display which said trader can manipulate along said Y axis to adjust intended price and over said X axis to adjust an intended time of placement;
- (b) showing on said real-time graphical display said trader's own active orders, recent orders, and trades alongside other participants' orders in a manner that distinguishes said trader's active orders and trades from other participants in a market whereby said trader can make visual comparison.

Claim 21 (new): The method of claim 20, wherein said real-time graphical display visualizes order books of multiple different markets, the order book of an individual market being shown as a vertical, multiple vertical bands corresponding to the different markets being shown one side of said real-time graphical display .

Claim 22 (new): The method of claim 21, wherein each of said vertical bands displays orders originating from a single market.

Claim 23 (new): The method of claim 21, wherein the price of orders are indicated on said Y axis with distinguished graphical marks.

Claim 24 (new): The method of claim 2, further comprising:

providing said trader with an opportunity to route orders to a specific market center by moving a graphical mark inside a vertical band corresponding to said specific market center and to adjust a limit price by a vertical movement of said special graphical mark.